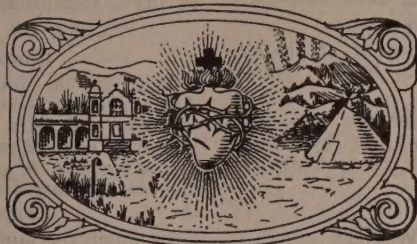


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NEW PROVINCIAL

V. Rev. Zacheus J. Maher

On March 5, 1932, Very Reverend Zacheus J. Maher was announced as Provincial of the Province of California. To fill the vacancy caused by his removal from Loyola University, Los Angeles, he named Father Hugh Duce as Vice Rector.

Former Provincial

The whole Province owes the former Provincial, Father Joseph M. Piet, an especially big debt of gratitude. In his almost eight years of office, the Province has developed marvelously in places and in vocations. We shall all without exception ever remember gratefully the unfailing word of encouragement which Father Piet was able to speak even in the darkest of moments.

PHOENIX

Envelop Collection

A weekly envelop collection has been started to obtain \$200 a week to carry on Brophy College. The results of the first four weeks were discouraging, as they totaled \$56.00. But Father Rector is encouragingly hopeful.

Open Forum

Each Monday the Catholic Open Forum meets at the Hall of the Franciscans. Ours share the talks with the Franciscans. Father Vaughan still has two talks to give, one on The Existence and Spirituality of the Soul, and one on Natural Religion. Father Maginnis ends the year with a talk on Reason and Faith.

Speak at Union High

A group of Brophy High students who had participated in the Annual Elocution Contest were complimented by being invited to deliver their selections before the assembled public speaking department of Phoenix Union High. These representatives of our 110 made a fine impression at the school of several thousand.

K. of C. Retreats

By March 7, four weeks of these retreats had been given, at Phoenix, Nogales, Tucson, and Prescott. The crowds increased each week as the days wore on.

At Tucson, where the pastor had been opposed to having a Jesuit and wanted a Redemptorist, there was the best crowd of men, close to 350. The pastor was so enthused that he suggests making it an annual event.

At Prescott there was a good crowd in the mornings, but at night the church was filled. Against the wish of the retreat master, it was a mixed congregation, because the pastor so wished it. But it may tend to keep away many men who would profit by a retreat.

A Congregationalist Minister attended one evening and afterwards called on Father Vaughan. It is said that this Minister is thinking of resigning his pastorate, going elsewhere, and joining the Church.

Fr. Menager

Fr. Edward Menager is at St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Arizona. He reports a little encouraging improvement.

EL RETIRO

Visit of Provincial

Father Provincial, in company with Father Piet, visited the Retreat House on March 6th, at which time 20 men were making their retreat.

Police Retreat

There were 32 present at the deferred Police Retreat in the second week of March.

Barrett Group

In the group brought by Frank Barrett on March 17, there were 38.

HOLLYWOOD

New Pastor

On Easter Monday, Father Ward was succeeded by Father McCoy as pastor at Hollywood. Father Ward will go to Santa Clara U.

Collection

With the permission of Bishop Cantwell, a monthly collection is to be taken up in the Blessed Sacrament Church for two years in behalf of Loyola High. The first collection was taken up in March and realized \$460, with an additional check for \$100 handed in at Loyola High in the following week.

Tre Ore

Father McCummiskey gave the Three Hours at Hollywood.

Retreat House

Mr. Miller has been figuring on the plans of the new retreat house so as to keep the expenses within the sum allowed by the Holy See.

LOYOLA U.

Vice Rector

On the appointment of V. R. Zacheus Maher as Provincial of the Province of California, Father Hugh Duce was named Vice Rector of Loyola U.

Dean

Meanwhile Father Robert Shepherd is acting Dean of the University so as to lighten the burden of the Vice Rector.

Begging for Books

The appeal for books is still obtaining results. The appeal was a leaflet printed in the form of a book. Inside was the following:

FOREWORD

As is generally known, a minimum of ten thousand volumes is a re-

quisite for a standard University library.

Loyola University is not possessed of this number of books.

In an endeavor to supply this need, the Loyola University Guild is sponsoring a Reception and Tea.

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Wherein it does appear that a Library Tea will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Montgomery, 8601 Sunset Boulevard, on the afternoon of Sunday, December the sixth, hours from two until five.

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In which the purpose of the Library Tea is set forth, said purpose being to secure books for the Loyola University Library.

Chapter 3

The reader is told of the various ways in which those who would, may cooperate with the Loyola University Guild. A book or book order may be secured at any local book shop and presented at the Tea. Books now in one's possession may be donated to the University Library. A telephone call, THornwall 1149, will bring a messenger.

Chapter 4

Herein is expressed the gratitude of the Loyola University Guild and the Jesuit Fathers of Loyola University.

St. Patrick's Day

On St. Patrick's Day, Father Provincial was tendered a reception by the Student Body of Loyola U.

In the afternoon, Loyola Guild held a card party and tea at the University; 250 were present, and \$300 was taken in for the University.

In the evening a gaudiosa was given in honor of the Provincial when most of the Loyola High Faculty came to the University.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Goldstein

February 11th, at 8 P. M. David Goldstein, famous Jewish convert and lecturer, gave a talk to a good sized crowd at Loyola High Field.

Dramatic Charity

February 13th, at Loyola High Field there was a gathering of Boy Scouts from all over the city. Each Scout carried a package of food which he placed in a pile in the center of the field. As the Scouts marched, scout bands played and movie cameras

clicked. Later, the packages were loaded into trucks for distribution to the needy.

Chaplain Welcomed

On February 19th Father Charles Leahy, who had been in Queen of Angels Hospital since January 30th returned home. At his first talk to the boys after his return he was given a spontaneous hearty welcome; evidence of the boys' appreciation of his work as Chaplain.

Loyola Wins

The Brophy game on February 19th drew a large crowd to the High School Gymnasium. The contest was won by LOYOLA 19-17, but only after extra time was called to break the deadlock.

Visitors

On February 19th, Fathers Macelwane, Dean and Hynes, on their way back from a Prefect of Studies meeting, stopped here for a few days to visit. On February 22nd, Fr. Tivnan was a guest, and on February 24th Fr. David McAstocker made a short stay.

Teacher Sick

On February 25th Fr. Gerald Leahy was forced to enter the hospital due to a severe cold. He did not return home until March 3rd.

Inspection

Loyola High's R. O. T. C. unit had its annual inspection Friday afternoon, February 26th at 2:30 P. M. The inspector, Colonel Pillow, mentioned that the boys showed much improvement over former years, something he could not say for the other schools he had visited. Loyola now has one of the largest units in the city and Colonel Pillow has authorized that the unit be increased by twenty next year. The inspection was witnessed by members of the faculty and parents and friends of the boys.

Bishop's Tournament

The first annual Bishop Cantwell Basketball Tournament was successfully staged at Loyola Gymnasium, Feb. 26th and 27th. The presentation of the Bishop's trophy was made to the winning team, St. Augustine's of San Diego, by Father McNicholas, the diocesan director of Education. The attendance at the games was good and coaches and faculty representatives were pleased at the manner in which the affair was run off.

Special Lecture

Saturday, February 27th, Fr. Bernard R. Hubbard, S. J., gave an illustrated lecture at the Wilshire Ebell

Theatre to a large audience. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Pacific Geographic Society.

Henry Welch Guild

The Henry Welch Guild of Loyola High School held its regular meeting for March on the 3rd, in the High School auditorium. The principal speaker was Mrs. J. K. Lytle, an authority on Child Welfare. It was decided to have election of officers for this year at the April meeting.

Father Rector Unwell

While preaching at Blessed Sacrament Church Sunday, March 6th, Father Ring was seized with an attack of appendicitis which, later in the day necessitated his removal to the hospital. There he underwent treatment until March 10th, when he came home. However, the operation has been only postponed and Father Rector may return to the hospital soon to have his appendix removed.

Gold Medal Debate

The Annual Gold Medal debate was held Monday, March 7th, at the Catholic Women's Club under the sponsorship of the Junipero Serra Council, Knights of Columbus. The question for debate was, resolved:—"That the individual states should legislate to establish compulsory unemployment insurance." Members of the Vincent B. Vaughan Debating Society, unholding the negative side of the question, were awarded the decision by the judges. A member of the Father Ruppert Debating Society, James Grattan Cooney, was judged the best speaker, and to him goes the Gold Medal donated by Junipero Serra Council. Mr. Peter Deasy, S. J., is moderator of the Father Ruppert or Senior Debating Society, and Father J. A. Robidoux is moderator of the Junior, or Vincent B. Vaughan Society.

Gold Cross Mothers

The Gold Cross Mothers met here Friday, March 11th. Some came in the morning and worked until late in the afternoon making cassocks. A good number were present and the day was closed with benediction by Father Duce.

For the Missions

The Lenten Collection among the boys this year will not be as large as it was last year. There are a number of reasons for this. The drive started late, due to the illness of Father Charles Leahy and, too, money is scarcer this year than it was last. Each day a boy, appointed for each class, makes a collection during the

first period of the day. The money obtained in this way represents sacrifices on the part of the boys in the form of abstinence from candy and shows. Last year as a result of the collection, Father Leahy was able to send \$225.00 to our Missionaries in China.

School Inspector

Friday, March 11th, the State Inspector of Schools paid Loyola a visit. He spent the entire day visiting classes and seemed particularly interested in the library which has been put in good shape. The inspector remarked that Church Schools, (as he called them) worked the boys harder than the public schools. He mentioned too, that Loyola's Scholastic rating had been raised considerably at the University of California at Los Angeles during the past year.

League of Sacred Heart

On Friday, March 11th, the ceremony of reception for the promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart was held in the boys' chapel. Twenty boys received crosses and diplomas from Father Butler. Father told them they were being honored because of their faithful work as promoters. The entire student body recited the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart which was followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday evening, March 13th, Father Butler conducted a like reception at Immaculate Heart Parish, where likewise about twenty promoters were honored. Friday, March 11th, Father spoke to the nurses at Queen of Angels Hospital on the devotion to the Sacred Heart. In all his talks Father Butler stresses the importance of the morning offering and he perseveres faithfully in this great work in spite of many obstacles, one of which is his own ill health.

School Annual

Work is going ahead on plans for the Annual, which, it is hoped, will be out by the third week of May. Father John O'Connell is the faculty member in charge, with Mr. Bradstreet as his assistant. About \$600 in subscriptions has been raised among the boys. The money from advertisements is coming in more slowly. To stimulate interest and competition a holiday was granted to each class which reached 100% in subscriptions. Six out of 11 classes got the holiday. Now another holiday is being offered to each class obtaining \$100 worth of advertising. The motif of this year's Annual will be "El Camino" of St. Ignatius Loyola, (The Road of St.

Ignatius Loyola) suggested by the name of the Annual. Mr. Bradstreet has the artists among the boys working on drawings from the life of St. Ignatius for the book. He has also organized a Camera Club, the immediate purpose of which is to take interesting snap-shots for the Annual. The club has an initial membership of 25 and may possibly become a permanent feature at Loyola.

Apologetical Contest

In a letter to Father Rector, Right Rev. Bishop Cantwell gave his approval of the Apologetical Contest and said he was happy that Loyola had taken the initiative in such a movement and he wishes that the contest be directed from Loyola.

Conditions

Conditional examinations were held March 12th. About 70 boys participated.

A Clever Lock but—

On Jan. 7, 1932, the San Jose Mercury carried the story of Harold Marks, a convict at San Quentin, selling the patent rights to his unpickable lock to the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company for \$100,000. It further stated that the lock was immune even against the efforts of the "Jimmy Valentines" of San Quentin.

On Jan. 20th, Father Drathman received from Ed. H. Whyte, a parole officer in San Francisco, a lock which was described as the "\$100,000 lock of Marks," to see if it could be picked open. It was of the dial cylinder type, i. e., no key, not even the right one, could be inserted in the keyhole until the correct combination had first been worked by the lettered dial on the face of the lock.

Father Drathman picked the lock open in less than ten minutes. When convict Marks heard of this and the criticism of the lock, he wrote that what had been sent was not his "\$100,000 lock" which he had patented, but one of his first models and he admitted it could be picked upon as described by Father Drathman. Marks then promised to send the real patented lock as soon as it would be returned from his lawyers.

On March 9th the real patented lock was received by Father Drathman and Marks stated he considered it impossible to pick it open when one was not given the combination to be first worked by the dial. The combination letters, of course, were not sent. Father Drathman examined the lock and the next morning after

breakfast started testing out the combination and in less than five minutes had it open. Marks, on hearing of the feat, wired congratulations to Father Drathman. The Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. is now manufacturing the lock to put it on the market.

St. Malachy's Mission

St. Malachy's is a new church in a working man's district. The dozen nationalities of the parish are not in the habit of going to church. The small church carries a heavy debt. Consequently two pastors gave up. For three months there was no pastor. The present pastor, Fr. McNamara, is getting the parish into condition.

During the first three days of the mission, which was given by Fr. Gerald Flynn, there was heavy rain; yet even so, these people who had stayed away at Christmas on account of the rain, came and nearly filled the church. And by talking to those who came, and by prayer, the church was filled with 225 on the last five days.

Non-catholics came, and twelve, six of whom are new, are taking instructions.

Before and after services, also in the confession, instruction and encouragement was given to many.

The "Holy Hour" was started. The pastor was so delighted that he asked that the announcement be made that he would keep it up as a regular thing.

The children's mission (90) was consoling. There is no catholic school in the parish. Instructions and the Exercises of St. Ignatius were given them. They were very attentive, and flocked around before and after the services. After services, the boys were coached in football. Two boys went home each day and repeated the sermons to their protestant mother, with the result that she is looking most favorably on the Church.

A talk on Catholic Action was given to the Holy Name Society.

When it was noticed that some were staying away during the first days, permission was was asked of the pastor to visit the homes. He asked to wait. On the sixth day the permission was given, and everyone interviewed came that night and sent the children in the afternoon.

The pastor would have preferred the omitting of the formal sermons on the End of Man, and the Use of Creatures. He says that all priests like a missionary to start out with a lot of "blood and thunder." Still the people liked these two particular subjects.

LOS GATOS

Wider Road

The road leading up to the Novitiate from Los Gatos past the Perseverance Shrine is being considerably widened so as to permit a double line of traffic.

Appendicitis

Bro. Clare Hayes, a second year novice, underwent an operation for appendicitis at O'Connor's Sanitarium.

More Subscribers

A drive is being held at the Novitiate to increase membership in the Western Jesuit Association. It is hoped that Ours in the colleges and parishes will lend their assistance by interesting people in the "Western Jesuit." New subscriptions will be gratefully received.

Missionaries

Two French missionaries, Frs. Noury and Belval, both Jesuits, paid a visit to the Novitiate, on March 23, on route to Canada and Europe. Fr. Belval has returned from active service in the missions because of his advanced years. Fr. Noury is to study in Europe. He addressed the novices and juniors on the Japanese and Chinese situation, and spoke of the good work that our Fathers and Scholastics are doing in our Universities in China.

Heraldry

Mr. Leonard Wilson, father of one of our novices, and on instructor at the University of California, favored the community, on March 19, with a lecture on heraldry. His subject was the heraldic coat of arms of the house of Loyola, and the official emblem of the Society of Jesus. He recently painted a joint emblem containing both the coat of arms of the house of Loyola and the emblem of the Society. This painting he generously donated to the Sacred Heart Novitiate. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Royal Arts Society in London.

SANTA BARBARA

The Missions

During 1931, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish gave \$446.46 to the Propagation of the Faith. The sources of this gift:

Holy Childhood (Dolores School)	\$155.00
Mission Sunday Collection	134.46
Promoters and Members	157.00

For the Poor

On February 28, a dinner was

served in the Cafeteria of the School by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul. The proceeds were a goodly sum, to be spent in the relief of the poor.

School Numbers

In High School there are 80 girls and 12 boys.

In Grammar there are 225 girls and 172 boys.

Editor

Father De Rop is the new and newsy editor of the Church Bulletin.

SANTA CLARA U.

New President

On March 9, Rev. James J. Lyons was announced as the new Rector of the University. Fr. Lyons will continue for the rest of the year with most of his classes. Fr. Ward will take over some of the classes after Easter. Fr. McCoy left a few days after the installation of Fr. Lyons for Hollywood for the Blessed Sacrament parish.

Lenten Course

Fr. Rector has concluded a Lenten course to the National Council of Catholic Women in the Dominican convent at Menlo Park.

Ave Atque Vale

A joint reception of welcome to the new president and a farewell to Fr. McCoy was held by the students in the university auditorium. Musical selections and addresses by the students featured the program.

Burlesque

The Block Letter society gave their annual entertainment in the university auditorium on St. Patrick's night. The show was well attended and well executed. The general theme of the entertainment was a burlesque on college life, written by the students themselves.

Lecturers

Several of the faculty have been guest lecturers at various clubs in San Jose and vicinity. Quite a few friends have been gained for the university as well as an untold amount of advertising and good will.

Holy Week

Most of the Fathers were engaged in Holy Week services in one place or another: Placerville, Marysville, Petaluma, San Luis Obispo, San Jose and Santa Clara.

Old Grad Dies

Policronia Anzar, one of the oldest graduates of the university died February 15 in Gilroy. He was the grand-

son of Jose Castro, an early California governor.

75 Years Old

Philalethic Senate of Santa Clara celebrated its diamond jubilee on February 22. It is Santa Clara's oldest student organization, and the first debating society in the west. Under Father Accolti, its founder, it held its first debate on February 22, 1857.

68 Years Old

The statue of St. Joseph to which the student body makes an annual pilgrimage on March 19, was given to the University 68 years ago, when Father Varsi was President. It has been moved several times, its final position is behind the Varsi Library.

Deans of Studies

The six deans representing the Provinces of the American Assistency held their meetings in February in Santa Clara and at San Francisco U. Higher studies was the subject of their conferences. Those present: Fathers Chas. Carroll, John Hynes, Chas. Deane, Edward Tivnan, James Macelwane, Albert Fox.

They were entertained by Father Hubbard, and expressed themselves well pleased with his pictures.

'94 to '99

The classes of 1894 to 1899 met at the University on February 21, for a reunion. Many unable to attend sent telegrams to the University and to their old classmates. Father Thornton, a teacher at Santa Clara in 1896, was one of the guests of the evening.

Associated Colleges

On February 29th Fathers McCoy and Gianera went to the University of Washington, Seattle, to see Dr. Bolton about his decision on the admission of Santa Clara to the Northwest Association. He expressed himself as well satisfied with Santa Clara with regard to its library, laboratories, staff, and courses. The matter will finally be settled in a committee meeting in April when Father Gianera plans to be present on account of Dr. Bolton's express invitation.

Invitation to Library

Quod faxit Deus was an unusual invitation to inspect the Varsi Library on Laetare Sunday, March 6, 1932, written by Fr. Henry Woods, Librarian at Santa Clara, and done into elegant print by John Henry Nash, printer, San Francisco.

The invitation had a delightful flavor of Dickens in the visit paid by the Spirit of the Varsi Library. This Spirit recalls the Librarian's past—

stresses the empty present—and brightens with hope for the future.

Invitation Accepted

A good crowd filled the reading room of the University Library on Sunday afternoon, March 6th. James Twohy gave an excellent address, and Father Woods in his old style of thirty years ago spoke of what he wished the library to be.

Books were given because of this reception which achieved its purpose in bringing the shelves and the books together.

For the Sick

On Washington's Birthday, Fr. Hubbard gave two lectures at the County Hospital, San Jose, one for the children, and one for the adults. Those who were able went to the auditorium, the rest of the patients used ear-phones.

L'Osservatore Romano

For his broadcast over the Paulist wire, Father Hubbard received a front page column in L'Osservatore Romano.

ST. CLARE'S

Babies Blessed

At the close of the English retreat, 150 babies were blessed on Sunday afternoon, February 21. About three grown-ups came to each baby. They were blessed as a whole, and then blessed individually and given a miraculous medal of our Lady.

A girl of twelve brought a baby for the blessing and was disappointed in not getting a medal for herself. She deposited the baby in a pew, and came back for a blessing for herself—and for a medal.

Mass for Departed

On Monday, February 22, Father Laherty sang a Requiem Mass for all the departed of the parish. There was a fine attendance at the mass, and some 150 Communions.

Italian Mission

The Italian Mission given by Father Tranchese at the close of February was a grand success.

SAN FRANCISCO U.

Medical Mission Auxiliary

The Chemistry Department of San Francisco U. has organized a St. Ignatius Circle of the Catholic Medical Mission Auxiliary whose purpose is to obtain supplies for our missions. Father Garasche is enthusiastic over

it, and would like to see a Pacific Coast Station established at the University.

Bio-Chemistry Club

There are about 110 members in the Bio-Chemical Club, who are either doctors or medical students. They meet four times a year. It is planned to form a medical guild from the members.

Father Flaherty

Latest reports give promise of further improvement in Father Flaherty. He is able to move his right hand up slowly to the top of his head.

His mind is often very clear, so that he has discussed ways and means for the best management of El Retiro. He has even dictated a letter on the same subject.

Father Sullivan

Was called south at the request of Mrs. Liddle to endeavor to enlist interest in proper circles in the property given by her to Loyola.

Father James King

The following is the attendance at the various missions given by Fr. James King. Mission at St. John's, Napa, 300; Retreat at St. Paul's, San Francisco, 350; Mission at St. John's, Folsom, 125.

Father Peter Dunne

Father Dunne will be on the Gonzaga Summer School Staff.

Stations

On February 16, 150 members of the Retreat Association made the stations in St. Ignatius for their Director, Fr. Flaherty.

False Nuns

Two nuns collected quite a bit of money in San Francisco. They wanted to beg at the door of St. Ignatius Church. This Fr. Rector would not allow, instead he gave them an offering, as was done at another church. In an office building down town, they were too bold, and were arrested. One of the nuns was a man. They were begging for a convent on the European continent.

SAN JOSE

BELLARMINE HIGH

Retreat

Rev. Father McCann directed the retreat for the Children of Mary of Sacred Heart Academy in San Francisco, March 9-11. Members of the Mothers' Club making the retreat requested Father to address their or-

ganization on "Education," which he did March 14, taking for his proposition, "Education without religion fails the public" and supporting the arguments with official statements from state school authorities.

Elocution Contest

Dr. Joseph M. Toner, director of State Institutions, donor of Bellarmine elocution prizes, was present at the annual contest held Feb. 25. He brought a message of good wishes from Gov. James Rolph, Jr., and when announcing the winners of the evening added \$20 to the prizes in honor of His Excellency.

Bellarmino Guild

Father James Lyons addressed Bellarmine Guild on Feb. 16 on "Environment as an Educator," and Father Paul Galtes March 15 on "Hereditry."

Bridge Party

The Guild is promoting its annual bridge party at San Jose's fashionable hotel, and hopes to repeat the fine success of last year's event.

Public Speaking

Bellarmino's busy public speaking season is on. Mr. Leo Sweeney is meeting lower division teams with the Junior Society and Mr. John Preston the upper divisions with the Senior. The latter held its first Gold Medal Debate March 25 on the question: "Resolved: that Congress should establish a Department of Education with a Secretary in the Cabinet." Mr. Preston is also directing Bellarmine's efforts in the National Oratorical Contest on the Constitution. Eight speakers have been selected by private tryout. These will compete publicly early in April to determine the one who will represent Bellarmine at Santa Barbara against opponents in this district.

Novena of Grace

Father Austin gave the Novena of Grace to the students. The principal intention of the exercises was to obtain graces for vocations.

HOLY FAMILY

Fresno

Father Tranchese closed his mission to the Italians in Fresno on March 6th, with 650 receiving Communion.

Goodbye

Father Roccatti gave a farewell dinner to Father Piet on March 12th, when our much loved ex-Provincial left San Jose on his way to Portland.

Statue

The statue used for the Novena of Grace at St. Joseph's was very kindly loaned by Father Roccatti.

Madera

Father Madigan gave a week's mission at Madera, with 250 attending, which pleased the pastor so much that he not only desires another next year, but holds that all the neighboring towns should also have one.

ST. JOSEPH'S

Father Nestor

On March 14th, Father Nestor went to Santa Barbara for treatment by Dr. Burkard, and in the hope that the genial sun of that city will ease his bronchitis. Father, who is 72 years old, believes that this is a satisfactory length of time for one to live.

Tre Ore

Father Provincial will preach the Three Hours at St. James, San Francisco; Father Laherty, at St. Joseph's; Father Simpson in St. Leo's, San Jose.

Novena of Grace

Father Laherty conducted the Novena of Grace at St. Joseph's. There were two talks a day with Benediction each time. The noon service began at 12:10 and was very well attended. The grammar school children sang and gave a treat to the congregation.

The crowd at night was still larger, and increased by 75s as the novena proceeded.

The people received an individual blessing with a relic of St. Francis Xavier, but not every day. They were disappointed when the blessing was omitted.

The sermons were conducted on a very easy plan. Each day a part of the life of St. Francis was told with a happy application either to modern needs or personal encouragement. Such a story telling admits of indefinite variety and application, and is essentially interesting. The people feel that they now know St. Francis Xavier, and want to honor him.

As the statue was borrowed, steps will be taken to have a statue of St. Francis Xavier in St. Joseph's from now on. As one party put it: "Now that St. Francis has arrived, he must stay."

On the last day, after a reminder of what St. Francis Xavier had done for the missions a collection was taken

up for our own missions. At noon \$50 were given, and at night about \$90.

Chinese Missionaries

On March 15 Father Provincial received a visit from Fathers Noury and Belval. Father Noury, who had been 31 years in China, said that Father John Piet has been there 35 years.

ST. MARY'S

Communions

On week days in Lent there is a good crowd at 8:00 mass, and three rails of communicants.

Stations

Grown-ups bring their children to Friday afternoon Stations. Another large crowd attends in the evening. On Sunday night, the Stations are had instead of a sermon, and draw a good crowd. The parish is not big enough to have two lenten courses.

Retreat to School

Father Belanger preached the Notre Dame School Retreat in St. Mary's Church. The pastor reports that it was excellent. The entire student body received Communion on the closing day.

Holy Week

Father Belanger gave the Tre Ore at Gilroy. At St. Mary's he preached the sermons on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

ALASKA

Thanks of the Bishop

The following letter was written by the Rt. Rev. Joseph R. Crimont, S. J., Bishop of Alaska. It was written at Juneau, and is dated January 15, 1932.

Dear Father Provincial: P. C.

Fr. Le Vasseur has just communicated to me the decree of our V. Rev. Fr. General, dividing OUR California Province into the Province of California and the Province of Oregon, and attaching Alaska to Oregon.

Our love for the California Province will not die. I wish to express my appreciation of the great sacrifices which your Reverence has made for Alaska the past seven years; and my deeply felt gratitude for your paternal care, your whole-hearted devotion in promoting the interests of the Alaska Mission. You will always have my sincere affection and my prayers.

God bless the dear Province of

California with its Superior, and all its members, and all its works.

Faternally yours in the S. H.

✠ Joseph R. Crimont, S. J.

The Answer

Your Excellency: P. C.

I wish to tell you that your wonderful letter of appreciation which you wrote on January 15th, has filled me with a great deal of consolation.

What I did for Alaska was only my duty, and I am only sorry that I could not do more for the difficult Mission over which Your Excellency is Bishop. Neither are all your thanks due to myself. Without generous men to carry out his instructions a Superior can do little. In recent years very many young Fathers have volunteered for Alaska, and are carrying on the sacrifices made by the brave pioneers of our Society who first mushed over the dangerous and lonely trails of Alaska.

With each of these I share your sincere appreciation and your deeply felt gratitude. Your Excellency sends me your hearty blessing for myself and the Province, and for this I thank you in my own name, and in the name of the Province, but particularly in the name of those former members of the Province who are now laboring in Alaska, and with whom I share your blessing.

Devotedly and gratefully yours in our Lord

Jos. M. Piet, S. J.

San Jose, Calif.

January 22, 1932.

Pilgrim Springs

Capt. Woodley visited Pilgrim Springs.

About forty of the children are down with whooping cough, of which an epidemic is sweeping Alaska. The government school near Pilgrim Springs was closed for nine days.

Error Corrected

Attention is called to an error printed in the February Province News where it was stated that Father Jette's manuscripts treat of the Eskimo language. Father Jette confined himself to the Tinnah (Indian) language.

Our Fathers at Nulato where the manuscripts still are, have used these writings for several years.

Alone

The pastor at Ketchikan had to wait more than a month for a chance to go to confession.

Plane Rescued

Brother Feltes flew the "Alaska" out from the place where it had been marooned at Gaines Creek, and went to McGrath. From there in the latter part of February, he and Brother Lapeyre were taken in Woodley's plane to Holy Cross.

BAGDAD

Fathers Rice and Masdras left New York February 9 for Beirut, a journey of 20 days by sea. They were to remain in Beirut one week, and then go to Irak on a desert-sands-bus, which has a special device for counteracting the spinning of the wheels in the sands. It is a journey of 24 hours.

CHINA

On February 8, Father Moore wrote to say that he and his community were in comparative safety, as they are in the other part of the city, some three miles from the war zone.

It is impossible to foresee the outcome of the struggle. Old residents seem to think that, if the Chinese are victorious, it may take an anti-foreign turn. There seems to be little hope that so poorly organized a government will be victorious over Japan; besides China is completely bankrupt. Hong Kew district is hard hit, since about 25,000 Japanese live there.

Sniping is very dangerous; none of the Fathers go on sick-calls after dark. On February 7, scarcely a handful of 5000 Catholics dared go to Mass. The Concessions are full of refugees. The cold made the suffering widespread.

On February 7, Rev. John Noury, S. J., Superior of St. Joseph's, and for nine years Procurator, left for France, via. U. S. To him we owe very much in the purchase of our Gonzaga property. He has been uniformly kind and good to us. With him travelled Rev. Belval, S. J., Chemistry Professor of L'Aurore.

Radiogram

The appointment of our new Provincial was cabled to Father Moore on March 5th. On March 6th he radioed back:

"Message received. Congratulations and much help to carry on your great

work. All well here. Happy to call you by your new title."

Father Moore.

The message was picked up in San Jose on March 7th at 6:10 a. m.

Answer

Thanks for congratulations. Father Lyons, President of Santa Clara. Zacheus J. Maher.

Bellarmino Celebration

The Collegium Maximum at Zikawei held a 4-day celebration in February in honor of St. Robert Cardinal Bellarmine. One of the sermons was preached by Mr. Simons.

Interesting Letters

The one to whom the following interesting letters were sent by Father Moore, wishes to remain unnamed.

Gift Received

Shanghai, China
Feb. 20th, 1932.

I first read in the Province News about that Ciborium someone "recovered from alien hands" and then I got a card in the mail announcing the arrival of a Pkg., at the Shanghai P. O. I went for it, and recognized a familiar handwriting on the address. So you are the one who decided so kindly to send to an "alien land" the Ciborium which you had retouched for us. We deeply appreciate your gift; it will be put to use at once, is of a very convenient size for our small Community—two Scholastics and the Cook, Petoro, who are the only ones privileged to assist at Mass in our small Chapel. How happy I am to have this remembrance of you. We use daily a chalice given by the DeLucchi's of S. F. in memory of poor Antonio who was drowned out at the Cliff House about '24. So now two of our Sacred Vessels are from California.

We hope such will never fall into the hands of "aliens" over here, though so many of the Missions of the interior have been robbed, and the Communist menace is very threatening even to all China. We saw maps the other day that had been taken from Communists by the Police, and on these excellently-printed maps were indicated with a "peppering" of red all the important towns and cities already under the Soviet Regime of China. There is absolutely no government power to check them. . . and it means ruin to the Missions. The Chinese themselves look upon Shanghai as the one place of safety in China. All the wealthy are investing their money

here. Hence the rapid growth of the city, over 3 million.

No one dares prophesy how this conflict will end. The Chinese army has put up a gallant fight, but it cannot hold out long. An anti-foreign uprising may be the outcome of the whole affair. We welcome, therefore, all American, British, French and Italian Marines that are sent to Shanghai to do their foreign service. But what would they be to the myriads of "Tartars" let loose on us if the Soviets arm the Chinese. The latter have caused unprecedented casualties in arming their "snipers," thousands of plain-clothes men, who (I was told by one who knows) belong to a secret society lately formed to do their part in any possible warfare against foreigners. We are foreigners as well as the Japs . . . and as the Chinese will surely be defeated in this conflict, they will only say that other nations favored the Japanese intruders. I am not a Chaplain for the Japs . . . but I think, with not a few others, that these little men from outside are the only ones that can make China a safe country to live in . . . and we think they mean to do it!

Keep us all in your good prayers. You will be remembered in our Litanies (pro benefactoribus . . . pro fratribus nostris absentibus) and distance cannot separate us entirely.

Pius L. Moore, S. J.

Gift Suggested

Shanghai, China,
Feb. 20, 1932.

Dear Father:

It is not uncommon for the Orientals after receiving a gift to ask for another! It shows an acknowledgement of a benefactor. Well, it occurred to me that amongst your parishioners with orchards, one or the other might like to get rid of prunes he is unable to sell. Here we must pay between 45c and 50c a pound for imported dried prunes, the only kind obtainable. Being all now real Californians, we like prunes.

Again, there may be some with lots of dried figs. These here cost 50c a pound.

If such dried fruit is sent in packages of about 6 or 7 pounds, with a low price or value marked on the Customs Card attached to every package, that is sent over here, we could thus be saved a big expense. When packages are marked below \$5 in value, we get them free of duty.

Allow for spoiling or deterioration in making up the value of package, or contents, as this will ease your conscience in trying to do our fair land (China) out of revenue.

Thus you become our "double benefactor" no small honor viewed by almond-shaped eyes!

But this is all a suggestion.

Pius L. Moore, S. J.

OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE

Fr. Lonergan's Health

Fr. Lonergan was allowed to leave the hospital about February 20, although he is not yet cured of the painful arthritis which has slowed him up considerably. The spine is supported by a brace.

Attendance Good

In Lent he gave Catholic Forum Lectures. The Sunday course was at the Dominican parish hall in Newark, and was under the auspices of the Holy Name. No admission was charged, and no collection taken up. Some 700 men attended.

The Monday course was given in Jersey City with 1000 attending.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Disputation

At the spring disputation Mr. Moreno defended in Logic and Ontology. Mr. McMahon was one of the objectors.

Missionaries

Mr. George Dunne and Mr. Paul O'Brien, who are to sail for China this summer, will take their final examinations towards the end of April and then leave for California.

Winter

This year Mt. St. Michael's has witnessed what has been, perhaps, the longest winter in its history. With the exception of two or three days, snow covered the ground for five continuous months. It is said that this winter's snowfall in Spokane has not been equaled for fifty years. There were about fifty days of ice skating on the rink at Mt. St. Michael's, but

the scholastics were skating as late as March 13 at Bigelow Gulch.

Mr. Deward

Mr. Deward is expected home soon from the hospital, where he has been on a rigid diet for several weeks.

ROME

Commission on Studies

Much to the surprise of all the commission finished at the close of January. This was due to the presence of Father General who has the gift of making things move along.

Last Vows

About twelve took their last vows at the Gesu. Fr. Boetto said the Mass, and V. R. Fr. General assisted. The vow men are all biennists, and three of them belong to New England, Fathers Hewitt, Crowley, Donohue.

At the Oriental College one of our Fathers pronounced his last vows in Russian at a Russian Mass. This is the first time this has happened in our Society.

Unusual Audience

On the day before the third anniversary of the Lateran Treaty, the Holy Father received in audience Benito Mussolini. The audience lasted over an hour, and was the first one in 60 years at which the Pope has received the Head of the Italian Government.

Large Gathering

On Feb. 12, the anniversary of the Coronation of Pius XI, Solemn Pontifical Mass coram Papa was celebrated by one of the Cardinals at the Cath-

Deaths in the Provinces of the United States

Fr. John Neenan, Feb. 18, 1932
St. Mary's, Kan. (Mo.)

Fr. Hermann J. Maeckel, Feb. 23
Buffalo, N. Y. (Md.-N. Y.)

Fr. Thomas Bortell, March 10
Albuquerque (N. O.)

Deaths of Relatives

Fr. Baltussen's mother died Nov. 30, 1931, Maastricht,, Holland.

Ernest Rinn, brother of Mr. Rinn, died in February.

Mr. Robert Carmody's father died Feb. 24.

edra Altar. After the gospel, the Pope spoke for about ten minutes on the present depression and counseled patience and prayer. About 80,000 were present.

Teaching

Fr. McGarrigle in addition to his work as librarian at the Oriental, is Professor of Scripture at the Beda College. Dr. Delaheny praises his work.

Tertians

Fr. Mifsud went to Florence for Lent. Fr. Dougherty gave a couple of retreats to Americans at our retreat house in Rome.

S. T. D.

It is expected that Fr. James Donovan will bring with him this summer his Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian.